

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting  
REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

August 21, 2015

Division: Fisheries

Regulation Number: 301 KAR 1:160 Regular or Emergency: Regular

Proposed Recommendation: Proposal to Discontinue the Farm Pond Stocking Program

**Justification:** The Farm Pond Stocking Program (FPS) was implemented to assist private land owners with stocking fish in their new or renovated ponds. Its primary impetus was to promote fishing since there are a large number of farm ponds in Kentucky. However, without the KDFWR stocking program, private pond owners will still be able to purchase fish from private hatcheries and stock their ponds. In fact, the pond owners will have much more flexibility in terms of fish species, sizes and numbers stocked. Therefore, private ponds would remain a resource for some anglers; regardless if KDFWR no longer has a private FPS. Additionally, by removing FPS, KDFWR can increase the number of public ponds enrolled in its Urban Fishing Program (FINS); currently at 41. Surveys conducted on FINS ponds have shown that expanding the program has added many new anglers and brought back many of whom had discontinued fishing. The FINS ponds' accessibility and quality fishing create great fishing opportunities to urban communities in which many of the residents had never before experienced. By simply refocusing resources from the private sector to the public, we can further expand the very popular FINS program by at least 5 public ponds.

Effective Date: March 2016

Action Requested of Commission:	Action Taken by Commission:
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Motion made by: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Action:      Approved      Denied      Referred back to Committee

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August 21, 2015

Division: Fisheries

Regulation Number: 301 KAR 1:410      Regular or Emergency: Regular

**Proposed Recommendation:** Proposal to Allow Pre-Charged Pneumatic Air Bow System as a Non-Traditional Fishing Method

**Justification:** A request has been made to allow the pre-charged, pneumatic air bow system as a legal "bow-fishing" method. It was suggested that this method would be helpful to those who would otherwise not be able to participate in bow fishing due to physical limitations. However, use of this method would not be limited to physically impaired individuals. The Fisheries and Law Enforcement divisions have discussed this proposal, and we agree that the potential dangers of using this weapon for bow fishing are no more significant than using more widely used bow fishing equipment.

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**Motion Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Action:**      **Approved**      **Denied**      **Referred back to Committee**